



Iowa Child Care Quality Rating System

Child Development Homes

(Effective 2-1-11)

Quality Levels 1 and 2	
Level 1	
Provider is registered with the Department of Human Services	
Level 2	
The provider:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is registered with the Department of Human Services• Completes and maintains ChildNet certification• Participates in federal food program (Child and Adult Care Food Program - CACFP)• Completes a self-assessment of own professional development• Writes professional development plan	

Quality Levels 3-5

The following amount of points from the menu below are required to reach Levels 3-5:

At least one point must be earned from each category.

Level	Points required
3	14-18
4	19-24
5	Minimum of 25 and Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale – Revised (FCCERS-R) assessment score of 5.0 or greater. The assessment must be completed by Iowa State University.

Professional Development Maximum points = 34	
<i>Experience and training - programs may earn a maximum of 4 points</i>	<i>Points</i>
At least 2 years of child care experience and 10 hours additional approved training per year beyond regulatory requirements	2
At least five years of child care experience and 20 hours additional approved training per year beyond regulatory requirements	4
<i>Additional professional development – programs may earn a maximum of 5 points</i>	<i>Points</i>
Completion of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports training, Module 1 and 2 (minimum of 12 hours training)	2
Completion of Program for Infant and Toddler Care modules 1-4	3
<i>Education – programs may earn a maximum of 25 points – points will only be awarded for one of the following criteria</i>	<i>Points</i>
At least 9 college credit hours in education specific to age group for whom care is provided	5
Child Development Associate (CDA) credential	6
Apprenticeship certificate	7
1 year diploma in early childhood education	8
An associate's degree in education specific to age group for whom care is provided	10
A bachelor's degree in education specific to age group for whom care is provided	20
A master's degree in education specific to age group for whom care is provided	25

Health and Safety Maximum points = 19	
	<i>Points</i>
Completion of 3 semester hour Health, Safety, and Nutrition class through community or 4-year college (must have been completed within the past 5 years)	5
Other approved health and safety training option (must have been completed within the past 2 years)	2
Development and implementation of an emergency preparedness plan	2
Development and implementation of enhanced health and safety policies	2
Completion of injury prevention checklist with child care nurse consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit completed – 1 point • Starting process of making recommended corrections –2 points • All corrections completed –3 points 	1-3
Completion of child record review with child care nurse consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit completed – 1 point • Development of a plan of action to secure health services for children –2 points 	1-2
Completion of health and safety assessment with child care nurse consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit completed – 1 point • Development of a plan of action to correct deficiencies - 2 points • All corrections completed - 3 points 	1-3

Environment Maximum points = 23	
	<i>Points</i>
Completes Iowa State University Extension training on Family Child Care Rating Scale- Revised (FCCERS-R)	2
After completing approved training on how to use the FCCERS-R , completes self-assessment & score sheet using FCCERS-R	2
After completing approved training on how to use the FCCERS-R completes child development home improvement plan based on FCCERS-R self-assessment	2
No more than two children under age 2 are in care at any one time and no more than six children total are in care at any one time, including the provider's own children under school age	2
Accreditation by the National Association for Family Child Care	15

Family & Community partnerships Maximum points = 6	
	<i>Points</i>
Membership in a professional organization specific to age group for whom care is provided	1
Orientation provided for new parents	1
Annual conferences are held with parents	1
At least one group parent meeting is held annually.	1
Annual parent surveys are collected and results are used to inform program practices	2